

Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative EWEI 2016 Annual Report



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Mission

Our mission is to provide multi-sectoral interventions towards the empowerment of girls and women

Vision

Achieve empowerment through enlightenment.

Projects

Civic Education and Participation for Women Project

Economic Empowerment Partnerships

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About EWEI

EWEI was founded in April 2008 with a mission to provide multi-sectoral interventions towards the empowerment of girls and women and improving their lives through capacity building and advocacy.

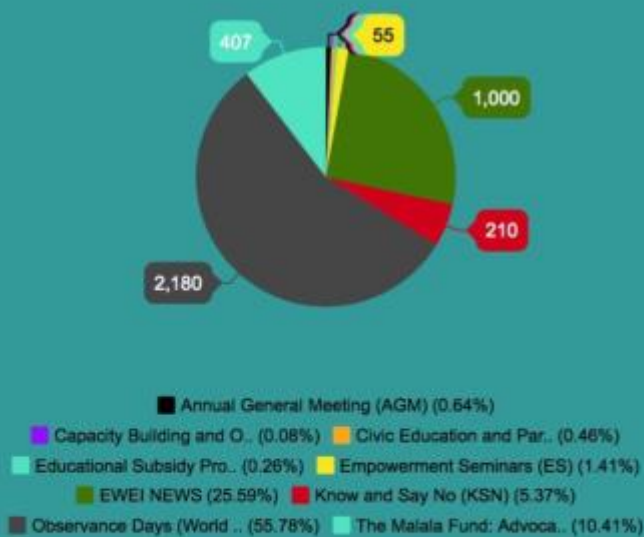
Encouraging girls and women to harness their abilities and take more active roles in decision making and policy formation will further ensure that their voices are heard and are taken seriously. EWEI aims to work towards empowering women through Capacity Building, Information Dissemination, Advocacy and Cross Cutting Community Service Projects.

EWEI was officially registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria (CAC/IT/28137) on 6 June 2008 and has been actively working to achieve her aims and objectives. EWEI is also registered with the Kaduna State Government through the Ministry of NGOs, Youth and Sports, Education and Women Affairs.

As at the end of 2016, 19, 763 girls, women and youth have directly benefitted from our projects.

EWEI 2016 Project Data

EWEI Activities in 2016 and Beneficiaries



Annual General Meeting: 25

Capacity Building and Orientation: 3

Civic Education and Participation for Women Project (CEPWOP): 18

Educational Subsidy Programme (ESP): 10

Empowerment Seminars: 55

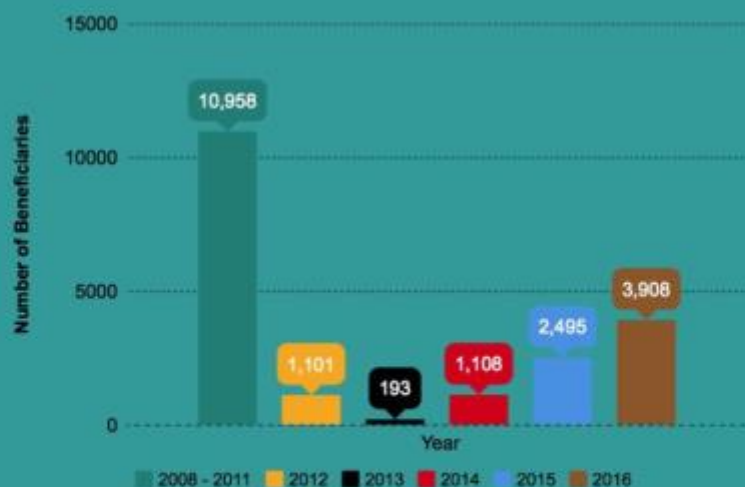
EWEI NEWS : 1,000

Know and Say No: 210

Observance Days (World Cancer Day, International Women's Day, World Health Day, International Day of the Rural Woman) : 2,180

The Malala Fund: Advocacies and Experience Sharing: 407

EWEI Project Data 2008 - 2016



From the Program Director



Welcome and warm greetings from the management of EWEI. Thank you for taking this journey with us year after year.

In 2016, we continued further collaboration with partners through our coalitions and networks and we are really pleased at the chance to work with different partners as this not only strengthens our networks but develops our capacity even more.

In 2017, we seek to continue to consolidate on the gains of new partnerships, and launch our online capacity building and networking platform “EWEI Online.” We are also very excited that some of our ESP girls will be graduating from secondary school and will be engaged in internships at EWEI.

Well-done to the team at EWEI, all our advisors, mentors and volunteers. Lastly, a big thank you to our donors who made our achievements in 2016 possible.

Safiya Ibn Garba
Founder and Program Director
Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative

From the Department of Administration and Logistics

Greetings from the Administration and Logistics Department. Even though EWEI worked on an extremely tight budget, 2016 was filled with lots of activities and that enabled us to meet most of our objectives. Noteworthy among them were the surveys, advocacy campaigns and sensitization on girl child education. In addition, the girls experience sharing sponsored by The Malala Fund to advocate for 12 years of free, quality education for the girl child was an extremely useful exercise for both the participants and EWEI.

Our [Educate, Equip and Empower Project](#) on [GlobalGiving](#) provided support for phase one of our income generating skills acquisition for community women. With more support, we seek to provide them with soft loans and guidance to enable them start up a business.

We would like to specially thank the Civil Society Action Coalition on Education for All (CSACEFA), UNILEVER Nigeria Plc, The Organisers of a Night for Nigeria and Global Giving for their support and facilitation of fund raising for EWEI in 2016. In 2017, we look forward to kicking off EWEI Online, our online resource sharing and networking platform, marking various observance days and continued support to our Educational Subsidy Program beneficiaries.

2016 Activities

- ∞ World Cancer Day
- ∞ ESP Empowerment Seminars (Quarterly)
- ∞ 2015 Annual General Meeting
- ∞ International Women's Day
- ∞ World Health Day
- ∞ The Malala Project
- ∞ Surveys
- ∞ Advocacy Visits to Policy Makers, Religious and Community Heads
- ∞ Community Sensitization on GBV in partnership with Education as a Vaccine.
- ∞ Experience Sharing Sessions by Girls
- ∞ International Day of the Rural Woman.

Updates on our ESP Girls



Deborah Ayandokun SS II GGSS Independence Way Kaduna

“This program has impacted my relationship with people very much. I can now talk to people without being shy, it has also helped me to concentrate on my academics; encouraging me to read hard without thinking of how to pay my school fees. I want to thank the organisation for their support.”

Mary Isuwa SS II GGSS Independence Way Kaduna

“This program has significantly increased my knowledge in school i.e. active listening to my teachers and how I am able to manage my time and work with people from different backgrounds.”

Augustina Isuwa SS II GGSS Independence Way Kaduna

“This program has helped me a lot and I am grateful because of the things I have gained from the program. I learnt how to speak in public and it has also help me improve in my academics and skill wise. I have been empowered with skills such as bead making, necklace and earring making, I have also learned to stand up for my rights.”

Jessica David SS II GGSS Television Kaduna

“This program has helped my relationships with people. I wasn’t social but now am social, bold and have confidence in myself. It has also impacted my academics greatly, giving me hope when all things seemed so bad for me. I can boldly say I am a semi graduate and literate. It has also empowered me with income generating skills which I hope to use to start my own business soon.”

Okunlola Grace SS I GGSS Independence Way

“The program has made a lot of impact in my academic life because I am now leading my class academically and this has also boosted my confidence level. I can relate with anybody because I am now bold enough to demand for my right anywhere and anytime.”

Abigail Jagaba SS II GGSS Doka Constitution Road Kaduna

“The program has made me a bold and assertive person all round, it has also increased my social capacity. I can plan for my future because I have been impacted academically and morally.”

Melody Joseph SS II GGSS Television Kaduna

“The experience I have gained is far more than I can write down. It has impacted my ability to listen, public speaking, self-management, team work and income generating skills.”

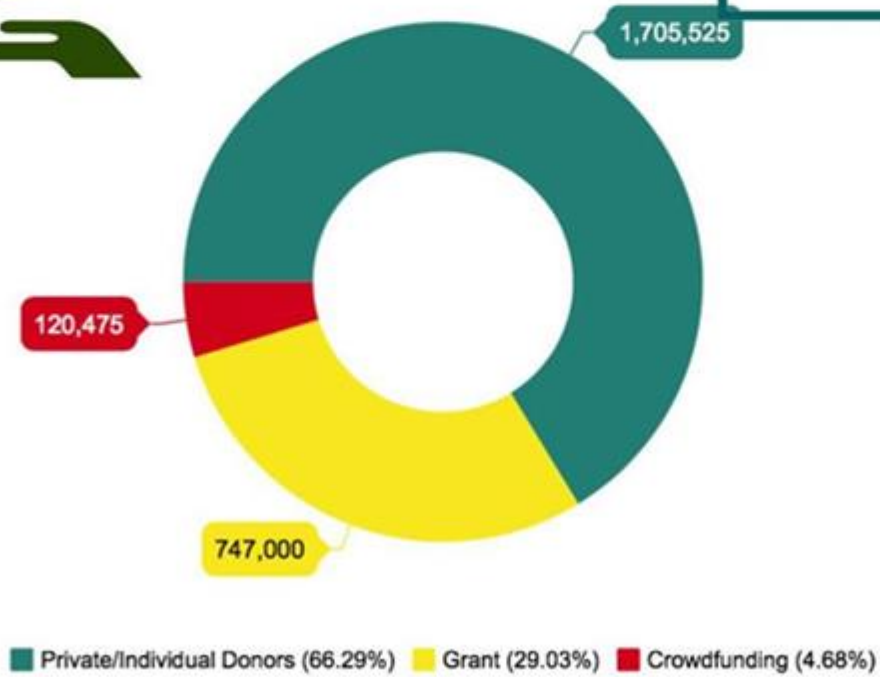
Gloria Mathias SS II GGSS Television Kaduna

“I am most grateful to the organisation without them I wouldn’t have been able to realize my dream of being educated considering the financial status of my family, I have been empowered morally, academically and skill wise I want to say thank you.”



2016

Funding Sources



2016 Highlights

- ∞ Supported by the Malala Fund through CSACEFA, EWEI conducted surveys in twelve public schools in Kaduna North and South Local Government Areas on the challenges of Enrolment, Retention and Completion of Girl Child Education in Kaduna State. As part of advocacy and community mobilization, EWEI also paid visits to the State House of Assembly and conducted a community sensitisation campaign to advocate for 12 years' free compulsory education and highlight the importance of girl child education in Kaduna state.
- ∞ 2016 saw us gain new partners in GlobalGiving and a group of young social activists based in Amman Jordan. Our Global Giving July premier enabled us to feature our Educate, Equip and Empower Girls and Women in Nigeria Project on the crowdfunding platform. Wake Up, organisers of [Night for Nigeria](#), led by Taqua Ammar hosted friends in Amman on 11 November 2016 to raise funds to address poverty and provide networking and capacity building opportunities for young women in tertiary institutions in Nigeria.
- ∞ In June 2016, a joint charity campaign was carried out by the UNILEVER Relief Team and EWEI. The team distributed various UNIVELER products to the Destitute Home, Kano Road, Kaduna State Rehabilitation Center Kakuri, and Hayin Danbushiya Community. [Read More](#).



EWEI on GlobalGiving



We are back on GlobalGiving in June 2017 to crowdfund our [Educate, Equip and Empower Girls and Women in Nigeria Project](#).

Through the project, we aim to subsidize the education of ten girls in public secondary schools over two years, train and mentor 120 indigent rural women (mostly widows and heads of households); and engage 100 adult females in two tertiary institutions and empower 2 female artists.

Contributions to this project go directly to our [Educational Subsidy Program](#), [Economic Empowerment Partnership](#) and [Empowerment Seminars](#).

Our project will start accepting donations on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM WAT/ 9:00 AM EDT.

June 21 is the bonus day where Global Giving makes matching donations so please spread the word to your family and friends and donate generously.

Support Us

How can you can support our work at EWEI?

- ∞ **By donating money to support projects. [Contact us](#) on how to do this.**
- ∞ **By donating to and spreading the word about our Global Giving Project. Please visit [Educate Equip and Empower Girls and Women in Nigeria](#) to donate.**
- ∞ **By shipping us/donating stationery (Notepads, pens, pencils, scientific calculators etc).**
- ∞ **By shipping us/donating, new or used laptops, printers, cameras, sewing machines, bead making machines, generators.**
- ∞ **By shipping us books, and material resources in simple English and visual aids on health, education and income generation (e.g., savings, managing your business, report and proposal writing, project management**
- ∞ **By providing editing support for EWEI publications.**
- ∞ **By linking us to a donor or tell us about funding/support opportunities on any scale.**
- ∞ **By writing an article and submit a photo for our blog or newsletter.**
- ∞ **By liking, retweeting, engaging online through Facebook, Twitter; etc.**

Please spread the word about us.

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